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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To the Maryland Legal Community:

The editorial board of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum* proudly presents the second and final issue of the 2009-2010 academic year. The *Law Forum* took on an ambitious production schedule this year, renewing our passion for providing Maryland practitioners and judges with interesting and thought-provoking articles that are focused on Maryland law. To accomplish this goal, we sought out leading members of the Maryland Bar to contribute to our publication. We also began the process of improving our student-written pieces, which, starting in Volume 41, will include longer comments and notes, in addition to our Recent Development articles.

We begin this issue with an article written by the Honorable Paul W. Grimm, Professor Jerome E. Deise, and John R. Grimm. The authors set out to create a practical resource for judges and attorneys that provides an analysis of Confrontation Clause jurisprudence in the Supreme Court and the Maryland appellate courts since the publication of *Crawford v. Washington*. The article examines the interplay between the Confrontation Clause and the hearsay rule, detailing the application of *Crawford* and its progeny to each hearsay exception.

The next article, authored by Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler, outlines Mr. Gansler's legal theories for protecting Maryland's environment. In his article, Mr. Gansler highlights what Maryland has done to protect its delicate ecosystem and warns readers of the dangers caused by polluters inside and outside the State of Maryland. The Attorney General proposes an approach that includes legislative initiatives, regulatory actions, and common law tort actions to protect our state's environment from polluters.

In our third and final article, Professor Nancy S. Forster reviews the current status of the law regarding *voir dire* procedure in Maryland. She argues that the procedure is too restrictive and that Maryland should allow for expanded *voir dire* in criminal trials to aid in the intelligent exercise of peremptory challenges, especially if Maryland begins to allow the empanelling of anonymous juries.

Finally, our ten Recent Development pieces examine the most interesting cases decided by the Court of Appeals of Maryland in the last year. Our staff editors have provided selections covering a wide range of emerging issues in the state, including the proper standard for admitting expert testimony on eyewitness identification, standing for shareholders in direct claims against a corporation's board of directors, and the standard courts must employ when determining whether to order paternity tests in post-divorce proceedings.

On a personal note, I would like to end this letter by saying what an honor it has been to serve as the Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum*. This experience has provided me the opportunity to work with an amazing group of people, including a dedicated staff and editorial board, a wonderful set of authors, and a supportive school administration. Last but not least, on behalf of the *Law Forum* staff, I thank our readers, the judges and practitioners of Maryland, for whom, to quote the authors of our first article, "we have the greatest respect and highest regard."

Best regards,

N. Tucker Meneely

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